

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
March 15, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Members present: Board Chair Janeth Walker, Vice Chair John Hiers, Secretary Tony E. Duncan, Trustee Gwendolyn Dianne Bamberg, and Trustee Naomi Eckels.

Absent: None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Janeth Walker called the meeting to order.

Notice to Media: In accordance with the S. C. Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80(E), The Times and Democrat Newspaper and the Bamberg School District One Website have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda**
Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Vice Chair John Hiers seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept the February 22, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

4. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Denise L. Miller, and Dennis R. Ulmer.**

Hand-outs: School Reports (Reviewed by Principals)

- Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
- Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
- Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Principal Dennis Ulmer

5. **Athletic Report: Robert Williams**

In the absence of Coach Robert Williams, Interim Superintendent Dottie Brown reviewed the athletic report as presented. [Board Packet Enclosure]

A round of applause was extended from the Board to the Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School wrestlers for their accomplishments this season. Mr. Williams' report noted that nine athletes qualified during the Individual Championships on March 6, 2021. Four athletes placed in the State, and three seniors qualified for the North-South Team.

6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Brown noted the following:

- a) **Update: COVID-19 Vaccine Plan**

The first dosage of COVID-19 vaccine will be given to the District's staff on March 19, 2021, and the second dosage on April 16th at Dr. Danette McAlhaney's office.

b) **Ending Dates for School Programs:**

- **Meal Deliveries** will end Friday, March 26, 2021; however, the Food Service Director will continue to package meals and make them available for families who wish to pick them up at the schools. The last day for aides who ride the busses will also be March 26th.
- The **After School Program** will end Thursday, April 29, 2021.

c) Mrs. Brown presented Trustee Naomi Eckels with a New Board Orientation Certificate of Completion from SCSBA for having completed the New Board Orientation on March 4, 2021.

7. **Request for Overnight Trip – April 5-9, 2021**

Following a review of a request for an overnight trip, **Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to approve the request from Coach Gene Schwarting for an overnight trip for the Varsity Baseball Team to travel to Folly Beach, South Carolina, on April 5-9, 2021 (During Spring Break), to participate in the Hanahan Invitational Baseball Tournament.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

8. **Consolidation Plan Updates**

Mrs. Brown noted that a meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to make final edits to the Consolidation Plan before submitting it to the State Department for approval.

9. **Shared Services Agreement Updates**

Mrs. Brown noted that the shared services between Bamberg School District Two and Bamberg School District One are going great. Currently, the District is sharing a Food Service Director, Technology Director, Finance Director, and a Technology Coach. The latest to be added was Mrs. Devon Furr and Mr. Ricky Padgett. They are in Denmark approximately two and a half days a week.

10. **SCAGO General Obligation Bond**

Finance Director Devon Furr requested that the administration be authorized the issuance and sale with SCAGO (South Carolina Association of Government Officials) for a Resolution and Obligation Bond. The District has been passing this Bond every year in order to keep the millage at 109. The Bond will not to exceed \$900,000 nor will it affect the District with consolidation because it is a one-year Bond that will be paid off before going into consolidation on July 1, 2022. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to authorize the administration to approve the SCAGO General Obligation Bond and Resolution as presented by Ms. Furr. The motion passed 5-0.

11. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Financial Report for FY 2020-2021 as of February 2021, for review. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Ms. Furr noted that some of the items listed as outstanding in the District's recent Audit in the Pupil Activity Account have been taken care of. Also, upon the advice of the District's attorney, funds received that are not specifically designated can be put in the Pupil Activity Account instead of the Education Foundation Account.

Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to accept the Finance Report for February 2021, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

12. **Visitors' Comments**

None

13. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Janeth Walker called for a motion to enter Executive Session. **Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to enter the Executive Session.** The motion carried (5-0).

Board Chair Janeth Walker noted that the Board would be moving into Executive Session to discuss Paraprofessional /Personnel Appeal, Personnel Recommendations for Hire, Personnel Recommendations for Resignations, and Student Transfer Requests.

Open session: Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

14. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded for the Board to hear the appeal of the Paraprofessional Personnel (Agenda Item 13 (a)). The motion passed 4-1 (Board Chair Janeth Walker opposed)

Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to approve Agenda Item 13 (b) Personnel Recommendations for Hire, Agenda Item 13 (c) Personnel Recommendations for Resignations, and Agenda Item 13 (d) Student Transfer Requests as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

15. **Adjourn**

Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Janeth Walker, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary